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## CORFU

While he has been given temporary shelter in Holland, the announcement has been made that the kaiser is to be exiled to the island of Corfu by the allies. This is the largest of the Ionian islands, having a superficial area of some 400 square miles, something smaller than Shelby county. It is apparently of volcanic origin, and its mountains rise to an elevation of 2,000 feet, and may be seen from the sea at a distance of 50 miles. This is ancient Corcyra, situated behind the heel of the Italian geographical boot, and about 20 miles from the Grecian peninsula, out from Corinth. It was colonized in 735 B. C. by Corinthians, and soon a city arose that contested commerce with Corinth. This led to trouble between the two great cities, and between these was fought the first naval battle of which the world has any record. Corinth was at one time one of the most opulent, splendid and licentious cities in the world, and developed the lightest and most ornate of the classic orders of architecture, combining grace, beauty and strength. Behind the city, on a mountain top that is reached by climbing a steep acclivity, is a great citadel where the people found shelter when attacked, and where they defended themselves by rolling stones down upon and crushing their pursuers. Here the kaiser can spend the remainder of his days looking out upon the sea as it lashes the base of his eerie perch. Before him can pass in review the dreams and accursed hopes that lured him into the commission of the greatest and most flagitious crimes in all history, and the moaning night winds will re-echo the groans and shrieks of the millions of dying, whose lives he sacrificed in an effort to satisfy his unholy ambition.

No more fitting place could have been selected, not even the desert that has drunk torrents of the blood of his victims. Here let him remain, receiving the execrations and maledictions of mankind until he is called hence to the final tribunal to receive his merited punishment. Unlike in the case of Napoleon, there are no mitigating or mollifying circumstances to cast a glamour of romance over his career. From beginning to end it is material, selfish, coarse and brutal, with never a ray of light to penetrate its opaque tenebrosity. Detached, exiled, set apart and singled out, he will be the one object of universal scorn and contempt. He has been a devil incarnate, and the universal sentiment will be: To hell with him.

## THEY SAW VICTORY

When we think of the nations at peace again we unconsciously think of it all being over. We are not prepared for the news that continues to filter through telling of the heroic deaths of men like Roy Trezevant, Harry Wardle and Gordon Gillespie. We knew how futile it was to wish that the end of war would mean the end of tears and heartaches, but we were not prepared for the shock that came with the announcement of the death of each of these splendid young men, coming as it did when the world seemed so strangely quiet and calm, with peace spreading its wings over the land, and men already talking of the universal brotherhood. These deaths seem especially tragic now in the light of what has happened to those who inspired the war, but there is the assurance that they died not in vain, but had the satisfaction of beholding their mission achieved even before they paid the price.

## A GREAT LESSON

The world will be taught a great lesson after the war, and President Wilson has already begun it by providing for the care and feeding of our conquered enemies. In spite of their barbarities and atrocities that have shocked civilization, no sooner are they helpless and hungry than they are fed and nourished, and saved from suffering. The German people will see that democracy is not vengeful and cruel, but kind and magnanimous, and filled with love for humanity. We have won glory and renown by our arms. We will win still greater honor by our consideration for the vanquished. We have taught the world to respect our prowess. A greater lesson will be in teaching it our charity and unselfishness. Verily, America is proving herself the light of the world.

Big men are these Americans. Charles M. Schwab is working for the government for \$1 a year. At one time he had a contract which was worth one million dollars a year to him, and rather than see his friend Carnegie fail to put through a deal he tore it into fragments and threw it on the ground at Morgan's feet, as if it had been a used envelope. Such a man can afford to work for his government at nothing a year and board himself. He is bigger than money.

If after surrendering and begging for food and quarter the Germans spring a mine or poison the water and thus destroy any of the allied troops, a war of extermination should be inaugurated and carried on until the world is rid of the German race. People who are not fit to live should not be permitted to curse the world with their presence.

According to Gen. von Kries, "The lives of human beings are to be conserved only if it makes for the state's advancement; their lives are to be sacrificed if it is to the state's advantage." This is the German theory. The American theory is that the state exists for the individual, and not the individual for the state.

Mr. Gerard's announcement to the kaiser that there was a lamp post for every noisy pro-German in America didn't have much effect on the kaiser, but the influence was felt in America, and only a few posts were required.

Emperor Charles says he has renounced the throne forever, and that he wants now to live as a private citizen. He might have described his feelings more accurately by simply saying that he wants to live.

"There is nothing more dangerous than a Memphis woman," says an afternoon paper. Probably explaining the origin of the expression that some men court danger.

A couple of shooting affairs recorded in Monday's papers indicates that Memphis is getting back on a peace basis.

Evidently the female of the species can shoot—and hit.

Save the turkey until the boys get home.

## The Days of Real Sport—By Briggs

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## Mrs. Wilson Woodrow's Article

BY MRS. WILSON WOODROW.  
The world-famous writer on vital subjects.

Half a dozen letters from girls who have no idea that they are young. They want companionship, friends of their own age, and taste; "more life and fuller life," all of which is perfectly natural and right.

One girl writes: "Loneliness is taking my youth away, and we only have that one lifetime, happy to be as long as I can have a better time." Before I answer this question, I'll tell you a story which happens to be true. It is a story of a girl who was charmingly bright and interesting so long as she was protected with attentions. Then she was radiant. It was a pleasure to meet her, but it was a dull season interrupted, she whined and sighed and moaned and groaned until she made everyone about her miserable.

She would wear the most discontented expression, and draw deep sighs, and make cynical remarks about the emptiness and uselessness of life, and she usually developed at such times some ailment. But let some exciting event loom on her horizon, and she arose like the phoenix from its ashes. The color came back into her cheeks, the sparkle to her eyes. The ailment which was hourly getting more serious vanished.

She was the very best of fairweather friends, the slightest commotion of a sunny day. But unfortunately for her, there was a dark day, I to Jan 1, quite a number of rainy, stormy days, and taking her through the year she wore so badly that the friends she made so easily dropped away from her.

They soon learned they either had to devise ways of keeping her amused, or else endure her gloom and grumpiness, so they preferred saying, "Good-bye, God bless you!" and faring on their way.

She had made the vast mistake of fancying that she could sustain life on chocolate russe and cafe au lait, and always, he said, at some one else's expense. And now she is facing a discontented, dreary, resentful middle age.

People will forgive much to youth and very willingly excuse its faults; but they are rather merciless to a middle-aged woman who is constantly grasping for excitement, and who imagines that other persons exist merely to provide entertainment for her.

She becomes a social nuisance. She is just so much useless, brags, brags, quite out of date, and she gets what she has earned—the ash can.

First and last, we all get exactly what we earn. No matter what is your desire, you've got to pay for it. No matter whether the price is in dollars or in happiness, you pay the price of that special commodity, or you don't get it.

You want happiness? The way to get it is to cultivate the will to enjoy.

Try an experiment. Instead of wasting your energy in sighing, begin to enjoy everything, no matter whether it seems enjoyable to you or not.

If you are always in good humor, if you have pleasant things to say, and if you steadfastly look on the bright side of everything, the people you long to know will inevitably gravitate toward you. Say to yourself: "The friends I seek are seeking me," and hold on to it. Believe it, and keep on believing.

Don't imagine your youth is passing.

Youth is more durable than you think. But regard this lonely season as a time of preparation. Cultivate your accomplishments, useful and ornamental.

If you dance beautifully, you will never lack partners. If you speak well, you will never lack listeners. And that is true down an unending list.

Look just as attractive as you know how. That doesn't mean to spend all your money on clothes; but it does mean making the best possible selection and looking dainty and well-groomed.

Cultivate all the intelligence you have. You do not know what life has in store for you, so it's only common sense to be ready.

And always expect lovely things to happen. Don't say: "Oh, they would be too good to be true." Never believe that anything is too good to be true. If you can do anything very well, the opportunity will always come for you to exercise your talents.

## Questions and Answers

Q.—Can you tell me near what river London, Tenn., is situated? Also the number of inhabitants of London? A.—London is on the Tennessee river and has a population of 95.

Q.—Kindly print the denominations of the Canadian certificates. A.—\$25.00, \$50.00, \$100.00, \$200.00, \$500.00, \$1,000.00.

Q.—Will you please give me the different amounts loaned to the allies by the United States up to Dec. 1917. A.—To England, \$1,360,000,000. To Italy, \$500,000,000. To Russia, \$325,000,000. To Belgium, \$55,000,000. To Serbia, \$20,000,000. To Cuba, \$15,000,000. Grand total, \$3,281,000,000.

Q.—What and where is Troy in history? A.—I take it you mean ancient Troy. It is the capital of Troas, in Asia Minor, a city whose fame belongs entirely to the heroic age, and the siege of which by the Greeks, for the recovery of Helen, which lasted 10 years, is the subject of Homer's grand epic and the most renowned legend of all antiquity.

Q.—How many kings of England were named Edward? When was the first one crowned? A.—There were 10 kings of that name in England, the first was crowned in 901, died 925.

Q.—What is the smallest coin that is known to be in circulation, and oblige? A.—The Malaya make use of a coin that is worth one-tenth of a penny, or an English penny. At this time it is thought to be the smallest piece of money in circulation.

Q.—I would like to have a formula for setting pearls to a picture. I have noticed pictures with pearls set to them and would like to know how it is done. Yours, F. J. W.

A.—There are several methods, one is to take the glass, clean, draw an outline of the subject, then on the back of the glass apply a thin coat of white damar varnish, in the places in which the pearls are to be set, lay in beads and when thoroughly dried paint in picture.



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